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Biggest Battle of the War Being Fought Near Paris

Paris, Sept. 7, 4:35 p. m.—Judging from reports made public in Paris, German troops, covering the flanks of the main German army, encountered advance detachments of the allies in the fighting east of the capital today at a point near La Ferte-Gaucher and were obliged to retire.

Paris, Sept. 7, 4:40 p. m.—It is estimated unofficially that nearly 1,000,000 troops are engaged in the fighting which is proceeding in the east of Paris today.

TREMENDOUS CONFLICTS ARE ON EAST AND WEST

Kaiser's Army Taking Desperate Chances in Turning Movement

GENERAL ENGAGEMENT IS BEING FOUGHT EAST OF CITY OF PARIS

Germans Said to Mave Begun to Retire at That Point-Vigorous Action of French Troops, Strongly Supported by the British Starts Retreat of Kaiser's Army-Saturday and Sunday Germans Advance to Coulommiers and La Ferte Gaucher.

TWELVE AUSTRIAN DIVISIONS

Purpose of German Strategy Unknown-Probably Intend to Deliver Crushing Blow on Allies Before Attempting Investment of Paris-Belgians Repulse Enemy at Antwerp—Pattles of Tremendous Importance Are on in France-Big Fight at Verdun.

A news despatch from Berlin says that a battle is being tween the armies fought on the French center from Rethel to Verdun with the pressing in pursuit of the Germans. opposing forces on almost even terms.

Reports from other sources, while failing to reveal the physicians encountered a French palance were being fought in the dispurpose of the German strategy in removing a great force to 300 wounded Germans were in a ru- office. the southeast of Paris, indicate a determination to deal the ined church close to the German line whose dispatch was dated last Friallies a crushing blow before the complete investment of the geon and two nurses. French capital is attempted. German pressure on the left wing of the allies has been withdrawn and apparently the main strength of the invaders has been thrown against the enemy's La Liberte, said today that the Gercenter and right.

It is officially announced in Paris that a general engage- of Paris, which might become hopement is being fought east of that city today and that the Ger- less in case they suffered a check. mans have begun to retire at that point.

Official reports from Petrograd state that the Russian troops are gradually closing in on the strong fortress of Prz- gagements which began Saturday and emyl, 50 miles west of Lemberg, and that this last remaining Sunday to the east and northeast of the French capital, developed today stronghold of the Austrians in Galicia will soon surrender or into one of the most important battles be taken by assault.

It is stated officially at Antwerp that the Belgians have ing the German advance over a front repulsed a German attack against that city.

According to a news despatch from Rome, members of east of Paris, to the great fortress of the Italian socialist reform party have formally declared for Verdun, in the department of Meuse, Italian neutrality.

Two thousand Americans, many of them almost destitute, were in line when the offices of the American relief com- were strongly supported by the Brit mittee in London were opened today. The committee is hard lish soldiers, who passed through Parls put to it to afford prompt relief. It is estimated that it will be another month before all the American refugees are able to leave the continent.

London, Sept. 6, 7:20 p. m. (Delayed).—It is learned on reliable authority that the captain and fifty of the crew of of the German forces were forced to the British cruiser Pathfinder, which was sunk by a mine in retire. The Germans had reached the the North sea, have been saved.

Paris, Sept, 7, 10:10 a. m.—An Ostend despatch to the German army encountered advanced

Havas Agency says:

'A new violation of the laws of war has been committed by the Germans. The military governor of Brussels has forced the civil guards, although disarmed, to help on the work of the fortifications of the city, especially trench digging."

London, Sept. 7, 2:40 p. m.—The correspondent of the Reuter's Telegram company at Rome says that a despatch has been received there from Naples saying:

emissaries are inciting the Mohammedans against England, tance from Nanteufi le Haudouin to saying that Germany is everywhere victorious."

Brest, via Paris, Sept. 7, 1:26 p. m.—Six hundred Ger-line through Nanteuil le Haudouin, wireless to the German embassy says: they entered the city.

mans have been captured on board the Dutch steamer Tambora. Among them are 33 officers and doctors who are in prison at Chateau Brest.

The Tambora sailed July 30 from Batavia for Rotterdam.

fighting which is going on today to cois and extending to Verdun. the east and northeast of Paris, the Thanks to the vigorous action of German forces have their backs to our froops, strongly supported by the ward the capital. French troops are British, the Germans started retirthe French at their backs. French day and Sunday into the region beshells fall continually in the Ger tween Coulommiers and La Ferte Observers consider that Gaucher. man rear the Germans could not attack Paris while the French armies are intact and are continuing their wide turning movement under perilous circum-

Orders to Red Cross.

French lines and passed beyond them of Paris. until they were within the zone be-They picked up trol, who said that between 250 and trict described by the French

Paris, Sept. 7, 5:20 p. m -Lleutenant Colonel Rousset, military critic of man armies had placed themselves in a position to the east and northeast

Paris, Sept. 7, 4:30 p. m .- From official communications given out in Paris today it is learned that the en-

The armies of the allies are opposextending for about 120 miles from Nanteuil le Haudouin, 25 miles north-

generally known. The French troops

forces to give battle to the advancing invaders is declared to be most favorable, having near its center the strongly entrenched camp at Chalons sur

The allies conducted their operations so successfully that a portion region around Coulommiers and La Ferte Gaucher, respectively, 40 miles to Paris, when the detachments covering the flanks of the main detachments of the allies, who drove

them back.
The wounded began coming into Paris this afternoon

Germans Start Retiring.

Paris, Sept. 7, 3:30 p. m.—A general action is today proceeding to the east of Paris from Nanteuil and Leehau-

Nanteuil le Haudouin is 25 miles Steamers arriving from Egypt report that German miles southeast of Senlis. The dis-The text of the official notice is as

Paris, Sept. 7, 12:30 p. m.-In the Meaux, Sezanne and Vitry le Fran-

ward the capital. French troops are harassing their march. From time ing.

"The Germans had advanced Satur-

"In the Austro-Russian theatre of operations, twelve divisions of the Austrian army in the vicinity of Lemberg, Galicia, had been completely

Meaux is 22 miles east of Paris, and The Red Cross surgeons and am- Sezanne is about 55 miles east of bulance corps in Paris had received instructions that when they heard firing to go in the direction of the sound. Doctors E. L. Gros and A. I. Magnin, of the American ambulance of Verdun, Coulommiers is in the Decorpt of the field vester. corps, were first on the field yester partment of Seine and Marne, and is sound of the cannonading reached the miers and about 40 miles to the east

Tremendous Battles On.

Before the official announcement was made newspaper dispatches from Following a trail afforded by the both Berlin and London indicated that smoke from burning farm houses the engagements of tremendous import-The Berlin correspondent ing waged on the French center from

A message from London early today expressed the common belief in England that a decisive battle was beng fought at Verdun. Nancy was reported yesterday and It was sald that Emperor William was with the attacking army

Spain and Italy to Join War. ondon, Sept. 7, 3:50 p. m - A dispatch to the Chronicle from Bordeaux

'Much attention is being paid here to the possible inclusion of Italy and Spain in the number of countries at

"The strained relations between Italy and her former autes have been greatly aggravated in the last three days, while in spirit, it is said, pub-He opinion is becoming most insistent or a declaration in support of Great

Britain and France Terms of Triple Entente.

Rome, Sept. 7, via Paris, 2:40 p. m. The Corrière d'Italia, commenting today on the undertaking signed by the powers of the Triple Entente in which it was agreed that neither of the three would accept eace without the previous consent of the other two, says that the undertaking will have enormous portance. In addition to its effect on Germany, it will serve as a warning certain Balkan states, the paper

Movements of French Army. Washington, Sept. 7.-A dispatch eceived today at the French embassy

rom Bordeaux says: "On the fifth of September the north-south movement of the German armies has continued. Coulommiers and Epernay are the basis of the first German army. This army was attacked by us at Saint Soupplets on the right bank of the river Ourcq. Senlis has been evacuated by us. On the road Mont Mirail to Chalons the second army has sent its advance guard. As for the third and fourth, the heads of their column are on the road from Chalons to Bussy,

"The line of the fifth army reached the road from Possesse. Traincourt and Thiancourt, moving through the Argonne Our 20th corps was fighting at Gerbeviller against the sixth German army.

robably as result of fight with cruisr Goeben, while escaping from the Bosphorus.'

The dispatch contains nothing to mplify or explain.

There was nothing to indicate which uiser was escaping from the Bosphorus or what had happened to the Goeben. The indefinite terms of the lispatch aroused added interest because of the fact that the Goeben, with the Breslau, another German hip, after being chased by hostile ships at the beginning of the war, took refuge in the Dardanelles and were ater reported taken over by the Turkish navy, although it was under

aboard. The latter feature opened the pos-sibility of a conflict between British and Turkish ships. In view of the threatened entry of Turkey into the European conflict by a declaration of war on Russia, this possibility was regarded with added Importance

stood a German crew remained

Vienna Fortifying in Haste. Paris, Sept. 7, 2:30 p. m .- After the news of the fall of Lemberg became known in Vienna, the correspondent

of the Havas Agency continues, more that 20,000 men were set at work with everish haste on the fortifications of Vienna, and many thousand of others began fortifying the banks of the

French Government Busy. Bordeaux, via Paris, Sept. 7, 1:27 p. m.—The work of effecting an adequate organization of the French gov. day with ten automobiles and twenty are tretcher bearers. They left the city in the evening and following the Gaucher is 10 miles east of Coulombre control of the French government of Sene and Standards, and is quate organization of the French government in Bordeaux is proceeding unremittingly. Governmental documents are arriving from Paris by the van load. Several vans came in this morning and were drawn up in front

of the new war office. It was noted ith interest by the crowd that they bore the names of firms engaged in the moving business in Colmar and Alsace Lorraine. The vans had been captured by the progress of the battle enables me to

Reprisals Due to Belglum.

Washington, Sept. 7 .- A dispatch to the German embassy says that the German Socialist leader, Fischer, pub-lished an article in a Swiss paper in which he says war was forced on unwilling Germany by infamous Russian, is news of the appearance of part, if assault; that marching through Bel- not the whole, of the third Bavarian gium was unavoidable on account of army corps. The troops were in-the life and death fight and that stalled at Allenstein, which is being stories of German atrocities are lies. Fischer adds that the army consistng of one-third Socialists is above suspicion and says that "reprisals

London, Sept. 7 .- The Reuters correspondent says the Germans advanced Sunday in a northerly direction from Brussels, between Ghent and Antwerp. Today all telegraphic and railroad communication between these towns is interrupted. Several hotels in Ostend are closed

were due to Belgian treacherous at-

for fear of the arrival of the German invaders. An engagement occurred today at Cordegem, south Belgian cyclists and gendarmes had a sharp engagement with he enemy which resulted in the Belcians retiring before a superior force, A Belgium major was killed,

London, Sept. 7, 12:14 p. m.-Telegraphing from Ostend, a correspondent of Reuter's Telegram company says the German casualties in the fighting around Termonde, 16 miles east of Ghent on Friday and Saturday are estimated at 5000 men. A number of German soldiers were drowned when the dykes around Termonde were cut, and several German guns to the aid of the Austrians was atwere lost in the flood.

San Francisco, Sept. 7.—The Brit-ish freighter Cetriana, which arrived here early today, reported that she had been halted in Mexican waters heights. by the German cruiser Leipzig, her wireless outfit removed and her German crew transferred aboad the Leipzig. He captain would not say when about particulars.

London, Sept. 7, 10:10 a. m,-A dispatch to the Central News from Copenhagen, dated Sunday, says it is tated that the German empress started Sunday morning for Danzig.

Paris, Sept. 7, 10:55 a. m.-A dispatch to the Petrograd says the political prisoners officia in Lemberg, Galicia, were set at today:

TO OPEN THE ROAD TO BERLIN

Fight Expected to Last Several Days-Thirty Austrian Divisions and Several German Army Corps Will Put Up Desperate Opposition—Third Bavarian Army Corps on East Prussian Front.

RUSSIANS SURROUND FORT NEAR LEMBERG

Przemsyl Must Either Surrender Soon or Be Taken by Assault -Fall of Fortress Will Mean Loss to Austrians of Last Stronghold in Galicia and Will Clear Way for Advance of Russians Westward for Junction of Forces in Prussia.

Paris, Sept. 7, 3:38 p. m.—According to advices received here a second Austrian army operating in front of Krasnosedow, in the Lublin region, has suffered great losses and is now on the defensive. Some of the Austrians have been forced to

under date of Sunday, referring to a battle just begun which, if as sucas the Russian cessful against Lemberg, will overthrow the Austrian forces and practically oper

the road to Berlin, says: "Reliable information as to the French in the early stages of the state that the outlook is no whit less promising, but that several days may elapse before the final overthrow of

the Austrian army. "The enemy disposes at least thir ty divisions, besides several German army corps and will fight with the courage of despair.

"On the east Prussian front there reconnoitred by Russian cavalry

Surrounding Przemsyl.

London, Sept. 7, 10:55 a. m .- Some official reports from Russia state that Russian troops are gradually surrounding Przmesyl, which will soon either surrender or be taken by as

Przemsyl is a strong fortress, fifty miles west of Lemberg, and its fall would mean the loss by the Austrians of the last stronghold in Galicia. It would clear the way to an

vance of the Russians westward towards the junctions of their forces on the Prussian frontier.

Paris, Sept. 7, 2:20 p. m.—The Havas correspondent at Petrograd transmits the following official announcement

The Russians adopted extended of fensive tactics September 4 along the entire Austrian line of battle. The enemy's center, located in the region of Kranostave, suffered the most from the Russian attack. The Fortyfifth Austrian Infantry was completely surrounded and the commander, 44 officers and 1600 men were taken prisoners.

The German division which came tacked on the left bank of the Vis-

"Russian troops have occupied the region around Stryj, and Russian cav-

"In eastern Prussia only light skirmishes have been reported

official announcement was given out

"The Austrian army corps between

London, Sept. 7, 5 a. m .- The corre- | are retreating with enormous losses.

been broken. There are evidences of the possibility of a famine in Austria."

Two Thousand People Crowd Rooms of Relief Committee in London.

AMERICANIZED GERMAN

Travelers of Limited Means Arrive Daily-Meal Tickets Given Them.

London, Sept. 7, 12:15 p. m.--mong the 2000 Americans who Among crowded the rooms of the American relief committee when it opened this morning were 160 who came over from Havre on the American cruiser The remainder Tennessee. chiefly from Flushing, Ostend and Rotterdam and were largely Amer icanized Germans, who are virtually without money and who must be assisted back to the United States by the committee

Refugees from Germany say there is still a large number of American citizens in Germany who are unable to get out because of the limited train facilities. There are only two trains a day from Berlin to Rotterdam, each carrying 200 passengers. consequently Americans are filtering out of the German capital very slow Other refugees report that Rotterdam is still crowded and that many Americans are waiting in Holland for an opportunity to get to England.

Many Absolutely Penniless.

A large proportion of the fugitives, who are applying to the committee for relief are absolutely penni alry is in possession of the Carpathian less. The crowd this morning was so great that the committee merely gave applicants enough money to buy something to eat and issued cards which will be presented during the day to the finance committee for

further help. Although the committee has been well systematized and has a corps of efficient helpers, its rooms at the Savoy hotel have become inadequate and it may become necessary to get

larger quarters. Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the committee, does not believe that the continent will be free of American Petrograd, Sept. 7.—The following refugees for 30 days yet. Those arriving today are in much greater need of help than the earlier arrivals, being mostly persons of limited means the river Vistula and the river Bug who have exhausted their funds,